

Hitch-Hiker Tries River Trip On Log

Boulder dam produced a new and daring type of hitch-hiker, when a youth, name unknown, essayed a journey down the Colorado river on a log, to Parker dam, where he had been told he might obtain employment.

The lad, perhaps 20 years old, arrived at the dam yesterday morning and, after looking the project over and seeking work without success, decided to head south for Parker.

Taking a log that had washed ashore below the lower portals of the diversion tunnel, the youth climbed astride and set out on the long journey.

His plans were doomed from the start, however, for he had gone only a few feet when the log turned over, pinning the boy underneath.

Workmen who had witnessed his departure, went to his aid, and after some difficulty, managed to effect a rescue.

The boy was sent to Boulder City by reservation officers, provided with a meal and then taken to the gate to continue his trip to Parker by the slower but much safer means of foot travel.

"I wanted to get to Parker dam, and knew the river'd take me there as fast as any other way," the youth explained. "Besides, I thot it would be a lot of fun to be the first one to ride the river on a log."

Outside of complaining because he lost a water bag during his immersion, the youth was apparently undaunted by the failure of his maiden voyage.